

REMARKS

In the final Office Action of April 28, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 12-15 are allowable and that claims 11 and 25 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent on a rejected base claim. Further, in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,163,052 to Evans et al. ("Evans") in view of page 376 of The Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary (1997) .

By this amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 11 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Additionally, Applicants propose amending claims 1 and 16 to substantially incorporate the features of canceled claims 11 and 25. Because claims 11 and 25 are indicated as being allowable, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 16, which are proposed to include the features of claims 11 and 25, respectfully, are now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-10 and 17-24 depend from one of claims 1 and 16, either directly or indirectly, and accordingly, these claims are also in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment be entered because the present amendment places the application in immediate condition for allowance.

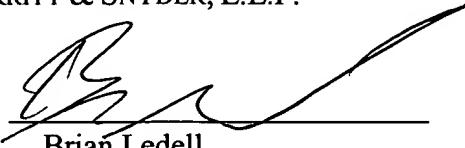
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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